CONTEMPORARY HIT RADIO

'80 // TOP EIGHTY

1980 — the year America elected a new conservative President and Contemporary Hit Radio adopted a new conservative music policy. The musical tempo of CHR shifted in 1980 to the mellow side of the spectrum. 36% of 1980's year end chart can be classified as "uptempo," as compared to 1979 when 58% of the Top 79 were "rockers."

The largest segment of the Top 80 falls into the general category of "soft rock." Artists like **Olivia Newton-John, Christopher Cross,** and the **Doobie Brothers** had very successful hits in the "soft rock" style, and programmers, perhaps reaching for those lucrative older demos, reacted quickly to many other 1980 hits of similar tempo. A full 40% of the year end chart falls into this primarily midtempo "soft rock" grouping. With 29% of the year's best classified as ballads, the softening of CHR in 1980 becomes quite clear.

1979 was dominated by groups, but in 1980 the male vocalists took the spotlight and the majority of slots on the Top 80. Comparing this year to last, males accounted for 46% of the chart, a large increase over 1979's 18%. Groups took 34% this year, down drastically from the 54% last year. Females liberated 16% of the chart positions this year, down slightly from last year's 19%.

While there seemed to be a glut of duets on the radio in 1980, only three made it to the final 80 (two more were still active at year's end, but not a part of the year-end chart).

Every year has its share of newcomers, and 1980 brought impressive debuts for **Christopher Cross, Air Supply** and **Robbie Dupree**. Christopher Cross put three singles from his very successful debut album on the Top 80, two of them in the final top 10! Air Supply had two hits in the Top 80 and a third hit single still active in the final quarter of the year. Robbie Dupree also scored twice in 1980, marking another successful debut for a male vocalist.

Established artists with three hits for 1980 include: **Michael Jackson, Billy Joel, Boz Scaggs** and **Bob Seger** (all male vocalists). Enjoying two hits each for the year were: **Ambrosia, Kim Carnes** (one with **Kenny Rogers**), **Eagles, Electric Light Orchestra** (one with **Olivia Newton-John**), **Olivia Newton-John** (one with ELO), **Queen, Kenny Rogers** (one with Kim Carnes), **Linda Ronstadt** and the **Spinners**.

There were 18 number one songs in 1980 (two fewer than in 1979) with **Blondie**'s "Call Me" staying on top for six straight weeks. The number of songs reaching "top 15" on **The Back Page** in 1980 was 122, one more than last year. For those who keep track of such things, 75% of all Breakers in 1980 went on to be top 15 hits or better, a 3% increase over 1979.

Contemporary Hit Radio slowed down the musical pace in 1980 overall, but rockers like "Call Me" and "It's Still Rock & Roll To Me" prove that rock is no dead issue, as the two songs finished 1-2 for the year. There can be no doubt that the successful CHR stations have reacted to the "graying of America" by playing songs for the 18+ demographics. The number of mellow rock tunes on this year's Top 80 indicates the tempo of CHR definitely changed this year. The broad assumption that "adults" won't tolerate "rock & roll" may or may not be valid, but in 1980 the majority of the music on CHR stations was not uptempo. If anything is clear from this apparent trend, it may be that fewer stations were willing to play a *full spectrum* of hit music in 1980 than in previous years. The evolution of Contemporary Hit Radio continued in 1980, just as it will continue in 1981 and beyond. The key will always be radio's ability to reflect the public's current taste in music. Contemporary stations able to do that better than their competitors will flourish into the '80's and, no doubt, beyond.

The CHR Top 80 of 1980 was computed using weekly R&R National Airplay/30's from January 11, 1980 through November 28, 1980. A simple reverse point-value system was used and accumulated numbers were ranked in descending order. That ranking is representative of this year's *radio airplay* as reported each week by all of R&R's CHR reporting stations.

1 **BLONDIE**/Call Me (Chrysalis)
2 **BILLY JOEL**/It's Still Rock & Roll To Me (Columbia)
3 **CHRISTOPHER CROSS**/Sailing (WB)
4 **BARBRA STREISAND**/Woman In Love (Columbia)
5 **PINK FLOYD**/Another Brick In The Wall (Columbia)
6 **AMBROSIA**/Biggest Part Of Me (WB)
7 **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**/Magic (MCA)
8 **QUEEN**/Crazy Little Thing Called Love (Elektra)
9 **DAN FOGELBERG**/Longer (Full Moon/Epic)
10 **CHRISTOPHER CROSS**/Ride Like The Wind (WB)
11 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**/Real Love (WB)
12 **AIR SUPPLY**/All Out Of Love (Arista)
13 **PAUL SIMON**/Late In The Evening (WB)
14 **AIR SUPPLY**/Lost In Love (Arista)
15 **KENNY ROGERS**/Lady (Liberty)
16 **BETTE MIDLER**/The Rose (Atlantic)
17 **PAUL McCARTNEY**/Coming Up (Columbia)
18 **DIANA ROSS**/Upside Down (Motown)
19 **ELTON JOHN**/Little Jeannie (MCA)
20 **QUEEN**/Another One Bites The Dust (Elektra)
21 **BOB SEGER**/Fire Lake (Capitol)
22 **KENNY ROGERS & KIM CARNES**/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer (UA)
23 **BILLY JOEL**/You May Be Right (Columbia)
24 **PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE**/Let Me Love You Tonight (Casablanca)
25 **SPINNERS**/Workin' My Way Back To You (Atlantic)
26 **BOB SEGER**/Against The Wind (Capitol)
27 **ROLLING STONES**/Emotional Rescue (Rolling Stones)
28 **ROBBIE DUPREE**/Steal Away (Elektra)
29 **CLIFF RICHARD**/Dreaming (MCA)
30 **DONNA SUMMER**/The Wanderer (Geffen)
31 **EAGLES**/I Can't Tell You Why (Asylum)
32 **MANHATTANS**/Shining Star (Columbia)
33 **ROBBIE DUPREE**/Hot Rod Hearts (Elektra)
34 **RUPERT HOLMES**/Him (MCA)
35 **ROCKY BURNETTE**/Tired Of Toein' The Line (EMI America)
36 **GENESIS**/Misunderstanding (Atlantic)
37 **POINTER SISTERS**/He's So Shy (Planet)
38 **KOOL & THE GANG**/Too Hot (DeLite/Mercury)
39 **LINDA RONSTADT**/Hurt So Bad (Asylum)
40 **FLEETWOOD MAC**/Sara (WB)
41 **GEORGE BENSON**/Give Me The Night (WB)
42 **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN w/ELO**/Xanadu (MCA)
43 **LIPPS, INC.**/Funkytown (Casablanca)
44 **PETE TOWNSHEND**/Let My Love Open The Door (Atco)
45 **TERI DeSARIO w/KC**/Yes, I'm Ready (Casablanca)
46 **SPINNERS**/Cupid/I've Loved You For A Long Time (Atlantic)
47 **LINDA RONSTADT**/How Do I Make You (Asylum)
48 **KIM CARNES**/More Love (EMI America)
49 **DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES**/You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling (RCA)
50 **LEO SAYER**/More Than I Can Say (WB)
51 **BOZ SCAGGS**/Breakdown Dead Ahead (Columbia)
52 **CARLY SIMON**/Jesse (WB)
53 **EAGLES**/The Long Run (Asylum)
54 **JOHNNY LEE**/Lookin' For Love (Full Moon/Asylum)
55 **KENNY LOGGINS**/I'm Alright (Columbia)
56 **STEVE FORBERT**/Romeo's Tune (Nemperor)
57 **STEPHANIE MILLS**/Never Knew Love Like This Before (20th)
58 **AMBROSIA**/You're The Only Woman (You And I) (WB)
59 **GARY NUMAN**/Cars (Atco)
60 **DR. HOOK**/Sexy Eyes (Capitol)
61 **BOZ SCAGGS**/Look What You've Done To Me (Columbia)
62 **JACKSON BROWNE**/Boulevard (Asylum)
63 **TOTO**/99 (Columbia)
64 **PRETENDERS**/Brass In Pocket (I'm Special) (Sire)
65 **BENNY MARDONES**/Into The Night (Polydor)
66 **NEIL DIAMOND**/September Morn (Columbia)
67 **ANDY GIBB**/Desire (RSO)
68 **CHRISTOPHER CROSS**/Never Be The Same (WB)
69 **MICHAEL JACKSON**/Rock With You (Epic)
70 **ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA**/All Over The World (MCA)
71 **BOZ SCAGGS**/Jojo (Columbia)
72 **DIRT BAND**/An American Dream (UA)
73 **DONNA SUMMER**/On The Radio (Casablanca)
74 **CHARLIE DORE**/Pilot Of The Airwaves (Island)
75 **ALI THOMSON**/Take A Little Rhythm (A&M)
76 **MICHAEL JACKSON**/She's Out Of My Life (Epic)
77 **BOB SEGER**/You'll Accomp'ny Me (Capitol)
78 **MICHAEL JACKSON**/Off The Wall (Epic)
79 **BILLY JOEL**/Don't Ask Me Why (Columbia)
80 **JACKSONS**/Lovely One (Epic)

CONTEMPORARY HIT RADIO '80 // RECORDS REACHING TOP FIFTEEN

	Peak Position (wks #1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Chart
A			
AIR SUPPLY/Lost In Love (Arista)	2	4/18	16
AIR SUPPLY/All Out Of Love (Arista)	*1(2)	8/29	13
AIR SUPPLY/Every Woman In The World (Arista)	8	11/28	5
AMBROSIA/Biggest Part Of Me (WB)	*1(4)	5/9	13
AMBROSIA/You're The Only Woman (You And I) (WB)	4	8/22	9
B			
PAT BENATAR/Hit Me With Your Best Shot (Chrysalis)	9	11/14	8
GEORGE BENSON/Give Me The Night (WB)	5	9/12	12
BLONDIE/Call Me (Chrysalis)	*1(6)	3/28	15
BLONDIE/The Tide Is High (Chrysalis)	14	11/28	2
BROTHERS JOHNSON/Stomp! (A&M)	11	5/9	9
JACKSON BROWNE/Boulevard (Asylum)	4	8/15	10
ROCKY BURNETTE/Tired Of Toein' The Line (EMI America)	6	6/27	12
C			
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE/Do That To Me One More Time (Casablanca)	5	1/11	6
IRENE CARA/Fame (RSO)	12	8/22	7
KIM CARNES/More Love (EMI America)	6	7/18	10
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Ride Like The Wind (WB)	2	3/21	15
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Sailing (WB)	*1(4)	8/1	15
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Never Be The Same (WB)	3	11/21	8
D			
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND/In America (Epic)	11	7/11	9
PAUL DAVIS/Do Right (Bang)	11	5/2	9
TERRI DeSARIO w/KC/Yes, I'm Ready (Casablanca)	4	2/8	9
NEIL DIAMOND/September Morn (Columbia)	6	2/8	9
NEIL DIAMOND/Love On The Rocks (Capitol)	4	11/28	5
DIRT BAND/An American Dream (UA)	9	2/8	9
DIRT BAND/Make A Little Magic (UA)	15	8/8	7
DR. HOOK/Sexy Eyes (Capitol)	8	4/4	11
DOOBIE BROTHERS/Real Love (WB)	*1(2)	10/3	13
CHARLIE DORE/Pilot Of The Airwaves (Island)	11	4/11	10
ROBBIE DUPREE/Steal Away (Elektra)	4	5/23	11
ROBBIE DUPREE/Hot Rod Hearts (Elektra)	3	9/19	13
E			
EAGLES/The Long Run (Asylum)	*1(2)	1/11	6
EAGLES/I Can't Tell You Why (Asylum)	4	4/4	11
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA/I'm Alive (MCA)	12	6/27	8
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA/All Over The World (MCA)	8	9/19	10
F			
FLEETWOOD MAC/Sara (WB)	*1(1)	1/25	7
FLEETWOOD MAC/Think About Me (WB)	9	4/11	7
DAN FOGELBERG/Longer (Full Moon/Epic)	*1(2)	2/1	12
DAN FOGELBERG/Heart Hotels (Full Moon/Epic)	13	5/9	9
FOGHAT/Third Time Lucky (Bearsville/WB)	14	1/11	3
STEVE FORBERT/Romeo's Tune (Nemperor)	5	2/8	9
G			
GENESIS/Misunderstanding (Atlantic)	3	7/25	11
ANDY GIBB/Desire (RSO)	7	2/29	10
H			
DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES/You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling (RCA)	4	11/21	10
RUPERT HOLMES/Escape (MCA)	10	1/11	2
RUPERT HOLMES/Him (MCA)	2	3/14	13
J			
MICHAEL JACKSON/Rock With You (Epic)	2	1/11	7
MICHAEL JACKSON/Off The Wall (Epic)	9	3/28	8
MICHAEL JACKSON/She's Out Of My Life (Epic)	10	5/30	8
JACKSONS/Lovely One (Epic)	12	10/31	9
JEFFERSON STARSHIP/Jane (RCA/Grunt)	4	1/11	4
BILLY JOEL/You May Be Right (Columbia)	2	4/25	12
BILLY JOEL/It's Still Rock & Roll To Me (Columbia)	*1(4)	6/20	13
BILLY JOEL/Don't Ask Me Why (Columbia)	10	9/19	8
ELTON JOHN/Little Jeannie (MCA)	2	6/13	13
K			
KOOL & THE GANG/Too Hot (DeLite/Mercury)	3	3/14	12
KORGIS/Everybody's Got To Learn Sometime (Asylum)	13	11/28	5
L			
JOHNNY LEE/Lookin' For Love (Full Moon/Asylum)	5	8/22	9
JOHN LENNON/(Just Like) Starting Over (Geffen)	6	11/28	5
LIPPS, INC./Funkytown (Casablanca)	7	5/30	11
KENNY LOGGINS/This Is It (Columbia)	9	1/11	5
KENNY LOGGINS/I'm Alright (Columbia)	7	9/19	11
M			
CHUCK MANGIONE/Give It All You Got (A&M)	12	3/14	6
MANHATTANS/Shining Star (Columbia)	3	7/18	11
BENNY MARDONES/Into The Night (Polydor)	5	8/15	11
PAUL McCARTNEY/Coming Up (Columbia)	*1(1)	6/13	12
BETTE MIDLER/The Rose (Atlantic)	*1(1)	6/6	13
STEPHANIE MILLS/Never Knew Love Like This Before (20th)	8	10/24	11
ANNE MURRAY/Daydream Believer (Capitol)	13	2/8	8
N			
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/Magic (MCA)	*1(2)	7/18	16
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN w/ELO/Xanadu (MCA)	2	9/19	11
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN w/CLIFF RICHARD/Suddenly (MCA)	15	11/28	3
GARY NUMAN/Cars (Atco)	9	5/9	11
P			
TOM PETTY/Don't Do Me Like That (Backstreet/MCA)	4	1/18	6
TOM PETTY/Refugee (Backstreet/MCA)	11	3/7	7
PINK FLOYD/Another Brick In The Wall (Columbia)	*1(3)	3/7	15
POINTER SISTERS/He's So Shy (Planet)	4	10/10	12
BILLY PRESTON & SYREETA/With You I'm Born Again (Motown)	13	4/11	7
PRETENDERS/Brass In Pocket (I'm Special) (Sire)	10	5/2	11
PRINCE/I Wanna Be Your Lover (WB)	9	2/1	7
PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE/Let Me Love You Tonight (Casablanca)	3	7/4	13
Q			
QUEEN/Crazy Little Thing Called Love (Elektra)	*1(3)	2/15	13
QUEEN/Another One Bites The Dust (Elektra)	2	9/26	14
R			
EDDIE RABBITT/Drivin' My Life Away (Elektra)	9	9/5	7
RAY, GOODMAN & BROWN/Special Lady (Polydor)	11	3/21	9
CLIFF RICHARD/We Don't Talk Anymore (EMI America)	8	1/11	3
CLIFF RICHARD/Dreaming (EMI America)	3	11/7	12
SMOKEY ROBINSON/Cruisin' (Tamla)	11	1/11	4
KENNY ROGERS/Coward Of The County (UA)	6	1/11	6
KENNY ROGERS/Love The World Away (UA)	15	7/18	8
KENNY ROGERS/Lady (Liberty)	*1(4)	11/7	10
KENNY ROGERS & KIM CARNES/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer (UA)	2	5/9	14
ROLLING STONES/Emotional Rescue (Rolling Stones)	2	8/1	11
LINDA RONSTADT/How Do I Make You (Asylum)	7	3/21	12
LINDA RONSTADT/Hurt So Bad (Asylum)	3	5/9	11
DIANA ROSS/Upside Down (Motown)	*1(1)	9/12	12
DIANA ROSS/I'm Coming Out (Motown)	10	11/7	7
JIMMY RUFFIN/Hold On To My Love (RSO)	14	4/11	7
S			
LEO SAYER/More Than I Can Say (WB)	2	11/14	9
BOZ SCAGGS/Breakdown Dead Ahead (Columbia)	6	5/16	12
BOZ SCAGGS/Jojo (Columbia)	6	8/1	10
BOZ SCAGGS/Look What You've Done To Me (Columbia)	6	9/19	10
BOB SEGER/Fire Lake (Capitol)	2	4/4	12
BOB SEGER/Against The Wind (Capitol)	3	5/23	11
BOB SEGER/You'll Accomp'ny Me (Capitol)	8	9/12	9
CARLY SIMON/Jesse (WB)	8	10/10	12
PAUL SIMON/Late In The Evening (WB)	*1(2)	9/19	13
S.O.S. BAND/Take Your Time (Do It Right) (Tabu)	12	8/8	9
SPINNERS/Workin' My Way Back To You (Atlantic)	3	2/15	13
SPINNERS/Cupid/I've Loved You For A Long Time (Atlantic)	7	6/27	11
BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN/Hungry Heart (Columbia)	5	11/28	6
AL STEWART/Midnight Rocks (Arista)	15	10/10	8
BARBRA STREISAND/Woman In Love (Columbia)	*1(3)	10/17	14
BARBRA STREISAND/BARRY GIBB/Guilty (Columbia)	7	11/28	5
STYX/Why Me (A&M)	12	2/1	7
DONNA SUMMER/On The Radio (Casablanca)	7	2/22	8
DONNA SUMMER/The Wanderer (Geffen)	4	10/24	12
SUPERTRAMP/Dreamer (A&M)	12	10/24	9
T			
ALI THOMSON/Take A Little Rhythm (A&M)	8	8/8	9
TOTO/99 (Columbia)	5	2/22	9
PETE TOWNSHEND/Let My Love Open The Door (Atco)	4	8/8	11
W			
JOE WALSH/All Night Long (Full Moon/Asylum)	14	7/4	7
DIONNE WARWICK/Deja Vu (Arista)	10	1/25	5

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The AOR Top 80 of 1980 compiles airplay data from R&R's Album Airplay/40 charts of January through November of 1980. Albums which debuted close to year's end (**Rod Stewart, John Lennon** and **Steely Dan** come to mind) may not appear on this year's chart, or may show up significantly higher on next year's compilation (**Bruce Springsteen**, for instance).

As in 1979, a total of nine artists hit #1 this year: **Jackson Browne, Cars, Eagles** ("Long Run"), **Tom Petty, Pink Floyd, Rolling Stones, Bob Seger, Bruce Springsteen,** and **Pete Townshend.** Seger spent much more time at the top any other artist this year: a whopping thirteen weeks. Browne was next, with seven weeks at number one.

Four groups had two albums on the charts: **Babys, Cheap Trick, Eagles,** and **Heart.**

This was not a particularly good year for developing artists, mirroring the overall tightening of AOR playlists. Among the artists making their chart debuts this year were **Pretenders, Pat Benatar, Christopher Cross,** and **Split Enz.** The year was dominated by male artists or groups (70), and soundtracks played a more significant role this year than last, with five albums and films represented ("**Blues Brothers**," "McVicar," "No Nukes," "Roadie," and "Urban Cowboy").

As was the case last year, **Warner Bros.** (and its affiliated labels) topped all other labels for number of albums represented on our year-end chart, with twelve. **Columbia** was next with ten.

Conspicuous in their absence this year were several artists who performed well on 1979's list, but who did not release new albums for 1980. Among them: **Bad Company, ELO** (aside from their cuts on "Xanadu"), **Peter Frampton, Rickie Lee Jones, James Taylor,** and the **Who** (though they contributed tracks to "McVicar" and Townshend's solo effort did quite well).

1	**BOB SEGER & SILVER BULLET**	Against The Wind (Capitol)	*"Strut" "Bop" Title "Accomp'ny"*
2	**PINK FLOYD**	The Wall (Columbia)	*"Brick" "Lust" "Numb" "Hell"*
3	**ROLLING STONES**	Emotional Rescue (Rolling Stones)	*"Cold" Title "Summer" "Boys"*
4	**PETE TOWNSHEND**	Empty Glass (Atco)	*"Door" "Rough" "Moved" "Gonna"*
5	**JACKSON BROWNE**	Hold Out (Asylum)	*"Boulevard" "Girl" "Hold" "Disco"*
6	**GENESIS**	Duke (Atlantic)	*"Turn" "Misunderstanding" "Lines"*
7	**QUEEN**	The Game (Elektra)	*"Dust" "Game" "Loving" "Dragon"*
8	**BILLY JOEL**	Glass Houses (Columbia)	*"Right" "Fantasy" "R&R" "Borderline"*
9	**PRETENDERS**	Pretenders (Sire)	*"Brass" "Sobbing" "Wait" "Mystery"*
10	**PAT BENATAR**	Crimes Of Passion (Chrysalis)	*"Hit" "Hell" "Treat" "Prisoner"*
11	**AC/DC**	Back In Black (Atlantic)	*"Shook" "Hell" "Shoot" Title*
12	**TOM PETTY & HEARTBREAKERS**	Damn The... (Backstreet/MCA)	*"Refugee" "Do Me" "Girl" "Losers"*
13	**J. GEILS BAND**	Love Stinks (EMI America)	*Title "Wait" "Come" "Night"*
14	**JOURNEY**	Departure	*"Anyway" "Where" "Lady"*
15	**ROSSINGTON COLLINS BAND**	Anytime — Anyplace... (MCA)	*"Misunderstand" "Prime" "Getaway"*
16	**LINDA RONSTADT**	Mad Love (Asylum)	*"How" "Talk" "Can't" Title*
17	**ERIC CLAPTON**	Just One Night (RSO)	*"Cocaine" "Midnite" "Blues" "Lay"*
18	**URBAN COWBOY**	Various Artists (Full Moon/Asylum)	*"Night" "Nine" "Times"*
19	**HEART**	Bebe Le Strange (Epic)	*"Even" Title "Rockin'" "Raised"*
20	**VAN HALEN**	Women & Children First (WB)	*"Cradle" "Everybody" "Whiskey"*
21	**CARS**	Panorama (Elektra)	*"Touch" "Slack" "No" Title*
22	**CLASH**	London Calling (Epic)	*"Train" Title "Clampdown"*
23	**DAN FOGELBERG**	Phoenix (Full Moon/Epic)	*"Fire" "Longer" Title "Moon"*
24	**PAT TRAVERS BAND**	Crash And Burn (Polydor)	*"Whiskey" "Love" Title "Burn"*
25	**RUSH**	Permanent Waves (Mercury)	*"Radio" "Freewill" "Entre"*
26	**EAGLES**	The Long Run (Asylum)	*Title "King" "Why" "Shoes"*
27	**KINKS**	One For The Road (Arista)	*"Lola" "Catch" "Got"*
28	**GRATEFUL DEAD**	Go To Heaven (Arista)	*"Alabama" "Ease" "Stranger"*
29	**JEFFERSON STARSHIP**	Freedom At Point Zero (RCA/Grunt)	*"Jane" Title "Music" "Eyes"*
30	**BABYS**	Union Jacks (Chrysalis)	*"Feet" "Rendezvous" "True" Title*
31	**POCO**	Under The Gun (MCA)	*Title "Midnight" "Fool"*
32	**KANSAS**	Audio-Visions (Kirshner)	*"Hold" "Rock" "Relentless" "Loner"*
33	**EDDIE MONEY**	Playing For Keeps (Columbia)	*"Trinidad" "Wish" "Satin"*
34	**YES**	Drama (Atlantic)	*"Tempus" "Lens" "Happen"*
35	**TODD RUNDGREN/UTOPIA**	Adventures In... (Bearsville/WB)	*"Caravan" "Road" "Time" "Rider"*
36	**ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND**	Reach For The Sky (Arista)	*"Angeline" "Wrong" "Hell"*
37	**MOLLY HATCHET**	Beatin' The Odds (Epic)	*Title "Rambler" "Dead"*
38	**ZZ TOP**	Deguello (WB)	*"Thank" "Sunglasses" "Bad"*
39	**BOZ SCAGGS**	Middle Man (Columbia)	*"Breakdown" "Imagination" Title*
40	**BLACKFOOT**	Tomcattin' (Atco)	*"Gimme" "Run" "Fox"*
41	**DOOBIE BROTHERS**	One Step Closer (WB)	*"Real" "Stoppin'" Title "Train"*
42	**FLEETWOOD MAC**	Tusk (WB)	*"Sara" "Think" "Sisters" "Angel"*
43	**TED NUGENT**	Scream Dream (Epic)	*"Wango" Title "Nails"*
44	**ROADIE**	Various Artists (WB)	*"Everything" "Run" "Ball"*
45	**SUPERTRAMP**	Paris (A&M)	*"Dreamer" "Logical" "School"*
46	**WARREN ZEVON**	Bad Luck Streak... (Asylum)	*"Certain" "Jeannie" "Gorilla" "Play"*
47	**ELVIS COSTELLO &...**	Get Happy! (Columbia)	*"5ive" "Stand" "Opportunity"*
48	**PETER GABRIEL**	Peter Gabriel (Mercury)	*"Games" "Remember" "Wire"*
49	**McVICAR**	Roger Daltrey (Polydor)	*"Free" "Twisted" "Without"*
50	**CHARLIE DANIELS BAND**	Full Moon (Epic)	*"Swamp" "America"*
51	**GARY NUMAN**	The Pleasure Principle (Atco)	*"Cars"*
52	**JEFF BECK**	There And Back (Epic)	*"Becko" "Star" "Pump"*
53	**NO NUKES**	Various Artists (Asylum)	*"Devil" "Stay" "Streets"*
54	**NAZARETH**	Malice In Wonderland (A&M)	*"Holiday" "Cars" "Talkin'"*
55	**ROBIN TROWER**	Victims Of Fury (Chrysalis)	*"Shout" Title "Madhouse" "Roads"*
56	**DAVID BOWIE**	Scary Monsters (RCA)	*"Ashes" "Fashion" "Teenage" Title*
57	**BLUES BROTHERS**	Blues Brothers (Atlantic)	*"Gimme" "Jailhouse" "Chicago"*
58	**GRAHAM PARKER & RUMOUR**	The Up Escalator (Arista)	*"Stupefaction" "Night" "Holding"*
59	**STYX**	Cornerstone (A&M)	*"Why" "Never" "Lights"*
60	**BLACK SABBATH**	Heaven & Hell (WB)	*"Neon" Title "Evil"*
61	**ROXY MUSIC**	Flesh & Blood (Atco)	*"Over" Title "Midnight" "Yeah"*
62	**POLICE**	Zenyatta Mondatta (A&M)	*"De Do" "Stand" "World" "Canary"*
63	**BLUE OYSTER CULT**	Cultosaurus Erectus (Columbia)	*"Marshall" "Black" "Wind"*
64	**ALICE COOPER**	Flush The Fashion (WB)	*"Clones" "Talk"*
65	**CHEAP TRICK**	Found All The Parts (Epic)	*"Day" "Good"*
66	**BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN**	The River (Columbia)	*"Heart" Title "Ties" "Rocker"*
67	**MARSHALL TUCKER BAND**	Tenth (WB)	*"Time" "Blues" "Cattle"*
68	**ROCKETS**	No Ballads (RSO)	*"Desire" "Sally" "Takin'"*
69	**FIREFALL**	Undertow (Atlantic)	*"Fall" Title "Love"*
70	**MICHAEL STANLEY BAND**	Heartland (EMI America)	*"Can't" "Stop"*
71	**PAT BENATAR**	In The Heat Of The Night (Chrysalis)	*"Heartbreaker" "Need" Title*
72	**AL STEWART**	24 Carrots (Arista)	*"Rocks" "Paint"*
73	**KNACK**	...But The Little Girls... (Capitol)	*"Baby" "Want" "Mine" "Tell"*
74	**JUDAS PRIEST**	British Steel (Columbia)	*"Midnight" "Law"*
75	**AEROSMITH**	Night In The Ruts (Columbia)	*"Remember" "Surprise" "Smile"*
76	**SPLIT ENZ**	True Colours (A&M)	*"Got" "Matter" "Nobody"*
77	**JETHRO TULL**	A (Chrysalis)	*"Crossfire" "Flyer" "John"*
78	**CHRISTOPHER CROSS**	Christopher Cross (WB)	*"Ride" "Sailing"*
79	**LED ZEPPELIN**	In Through The Out... (Swan Song)	*"Fool" "Evening" "Saurez"*
80	**NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE**	Live Rust (WB/Reprise)	*"Hey" "Cinnamon" "Dance"*

'80 // RECORDS REACHING TOP FIFTEEN

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	Peak Position (wks #1)	Peak Date
A		
AC/DC/Back In Black (Atlantic)	6	9/26
AEROSMITH/Night In The Ruts (Columbia)	9	1/18
ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND/Reach For The Sky (Arista)	7	8/29
B		
BABYS/Union Jacks (Chrysalis)	7	2/22
BABYS/On The Edge (Chrysalis)	9	4/11
JEFF BECK/There And Back (Epic)	11	8/1
PAT BENATAR/Crimes Of Passion (Chrysalis)	2	10/3
BLACKFOOT/Tomcattin' (Atco)	8	7/25
BLUE OYSTER CULT/Cultosaurus Erectus (Columbia)	10	8/1
BLUES BROTHERS/Blues Brothers	5	7/11
DAVID BOWIE/Scary Monsters (RCA)	8	10/24
JACKSON BROWNE/Hold Out (Asylum)	1 (7)	7/25
C		
CADDYSHACK/Various Artists	15	9/5
CARS/Panorama (Elektra)	1 (3)	10/10
CHEAP TRICK/Found All The Parts (Epic)	12	6/13
CHEAP TRICK/All Shook Up (Epic)	3	11/28
ERIC CLAPTON/Just One Night (RSO)	3	5/9
CLASH/London Calling (Epic)	9	4/25
ALICE COOPER/Flush The Fashion (WB)	10	6/20
ELVIS COSTELLO/Get Happy!! (Columbia)	8	8/15
D		
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND/Full Moon (Epic)	11	8/15
DIRE STRAITS/Making Movies (WB)	5	11/28
DOOBIE BROTHERS/One Step Closer (WB)	3	10/10
E		
EAGLES/The Long Run (Asylum)	1 (1)	1/11
EAGLES/Eagles Live (Asylum)	7	11/28
F		
FIREFALL/Undertow (Atlantic)	15	5/23
FLEETWOOD MAC/Tusk (WB)	7	1/11
DAN FOGELBERG/Phoenix (Full Moon/Epic)	3	2/1
STEVE FORBERT/"Jackrabbit Slim" (Nemperor)	14	1/11
G		
PETER GABRIEL/Peter Gabriel (Mercury)	14	8/29
J. GEILS BAND/Love Stinks (EMI America)	4	2/22
GENESIS/Duke (Atlantic)	2	7/4
GRATEFUL DEAD/Go To Heaven (Arista)	4	6/27
H		
HALL & OATES/Voices (RCA)	13	8/29
HEART/Bebe Le Strange (Epic)	2	3/7
HEART/Greatest Hits/Live (Epic)	14	11/28
J		
JEFFERSON STARSHIP/Freedom At Point Zero (Grunt/RCA)	2	1/11
JETHRO TULL/A (Chrysalis)	11	10/3
BILLY JOEL/Glass Houses (Columbia)	2	4/11
JOURNEY/Departure (Columbia)	4	5/2
K		
KANSAS/Audio-Visions (Kirshner)	4	11/7
KINKS/One For The Road (Arista)	3	7/11
KNACK/...But The Little Girls... (Capitol)	9	2/29
L		
LED ZEPPELIN/In Through The Out Door (Swan Song)	13	1/11
JOHN LENNON/Double Fantasy (Geffen)	13	11/28
LITTLE FEAT/Down On The Farm (WB)	12	1/11
M		
MARSHALL TUCKER BAND/Tenth (WB)	14	4/11
PAUL McCARTNEY/McCartney II (Columbia)	13	5/30
McVICAR/Various Artists (Polydor)	6	8/29
RANDY MEISNER/One More Song (Epic)	15	11/28
MOLLY HATCHET/Beatin' The Odds (Epic)	7	10/24
EDDIE MONEY/Playing For Keeps (Columbia)	8	8/15
N		
NAZARETH/Malice In Wonderland (A&M)	12	2/22
NO NUKES/Various Artists (Asylum)	6	1/11
TED NUGENT/Scream Dream (Epic)	8	6/20
P		
ROBERT PALMER/Clues (Island)	15	10/24
GRAHAM PARKER & RUMOUR/The Up Escalator (Arista)	10	6/13
ALAN PARSONS PROJECT/The Turn Of A Friendly Card (Arista)	4	11/28
JOE PERRY PROJECT/Let The Music Do The Talking (Columbia)	15	5/2
TOM PETTY & HEARTBREAKERS/Damn The Torpedoes (Backstreet/MCA)	1 (3)	1/18
PINK FLOYD/The Wall (Columbia)	1 (6)	2/1
POCO/Under The Gun (MCA)	3	8/22
POLICE/Zenyatta Mondatta (A&M)	2	11/21
PRETENDERS/Pretenders (Sire)	7	4/11
Q		
QUEEN/The Game (Elektra)	3	8/15
R		
ROADIE/Various Artists (WB)	6	6/27
ROCKETS/No Ballads (RSO)	13	2/22
ROCKPILE/Seconds Of Pleasure (Columbia)	10	11/28
ROLLING STONES/Emotional Rescue (Rolling Stones)	1 (5)	7/18
LINDA RONSTADT/Mad Love (Asylum)	2	3/14
ROSSINGTON-COLLINS BAND/Anytime-Anyplace-Anywhere (MCA)	3	8/29
ROXY MUSIC/Flesh & Blood (Atco)	12	8/1
TODD RUNDGREN, UTOPIA/Adventures In Utopia (Bearsville/WB)	7	2/15
RUSH/Permanent Waves (Mercury)	5	2/22
S		
BOZ SCAGGS/Middle Man (Columbia)	11	5/16
BOB SEGER/Against The Wind (Capitol)	1 (13)	3/21
SPLIT ENZ/True Colours (A&M)	15	9/26
BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN/The River (Columbia)	1 (5)	10/31
AL STEWART/24 Carrots (Arista)	11	9/26
ROD STEWART/Foolish Behaviour (WB)	11	11/28
STYX/Cornerstone (A&M)	8	1/11
SUPERTRAMP/Paris (A&M)	3	10/17
T		
TOTO/Hydra (Columbia)	15	1/11
PETE TOWNSHEND/Empty Glass (Atco)	1 (4)	6/20
PAT TRAVERS/Crash And Burn (Polydor)	6	5/2
ROBIN TROWER/Victims Of Fury (Chrysalis)	14	3/28
TOMMY TUTONE/Tommy Tutone (Columbia)	14	6/20
U		
URBAN COWBOY/Various Artists (Full Moon/Asylum)	3	7/4
V		
VAN HALEN/Women & Children First (WB)	2	5/16
W		
WHITESNAKE/Ready An' Willing (Mirage)	13	8/22
Y		
YES/Drama (Atlantic)	7	9/26
NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE/Live Rust (WB/Reprise)	10	1/11
Z		
WARREN ZEVON/Bad Luck Streak In Dancing School (Asylum)	9	3/28
ZZ TOP/Deguello (WB)	7	2/8

Country '80 // TOP EIGHTY

When historians look back on the year 1980 and the influences of the country music sound, they'll agree the charts of the first year of the new decade were dominated by music from movies. Eleven of the songs on the Top 80 of 1980 were from films. The number one song, **Eddie Rabbitt**'s "Drivin' My Life Away," was from "Roadie." "Urban Cowboy" gave us four year-end chart records with **Johnny Lee**'s "Lookin' For Love," **Mickey Gilley**'s "Stand By Me," **Anne Murray**'s "Could I Have This Dance," and **Kenny Rogers**'s "Love The World Away." **Willie Nelson** has three movie songs, two from "Electric Horseman" ("Midnight Rider" and "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys") and one from "Honeysuckle Rose" ("On The Road Again"). As a matter of fact, Willie's songs have proved so strong that the movie is being retitled "On The Road Again With Willie Nelson." The "Bronco Billy" movie inspired two chart records with **Ronnie Milsap**'s "Cowboys And Clowns" and the **Merle Haggard** and Clint Eastwood duet "Bar Room Buddies." **Tanya Tucker**'s "Pecos Promenade" was featured in "Smokey And The Bandit 2." This year we even had a television theme in the Top 80: **Waylon Jennings**'s "Theme From The Dukes Of Hazzard."

Beside Rabbitt at the top of the chart, other chart winners included **Don Williams** with three number one songs. **Kenny Rogers** also had three, two as a solo and one with **Kim Carnes**. Two number ones each were scored by Willie Nelson, Anne Murray, Ronnie Milsap, **Oak Ridge Boys**, **T.G. Sheppard**, and Eddie Rabbitt.

Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, and **Emmylou Harris** each had four records on the Top 80 of '80. In each case, they had three solo records and one duet: Willie with **Ray Price**, Emmylou with **Roy Orbison**, and the aforementioned Kenny & Kim.

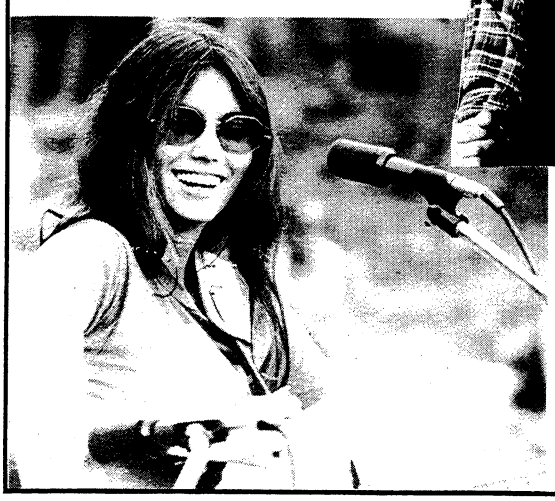
Along with Don Williams, Anne Murray, Ronnie Milsap, Waylon Jennings, Oak Ridge Boys, Mickey Gilley, T.G. Sheppard, **John Conlee**, **Charley Pride**, Merle Haggard and **George Jones** all had three songs on the year-end.

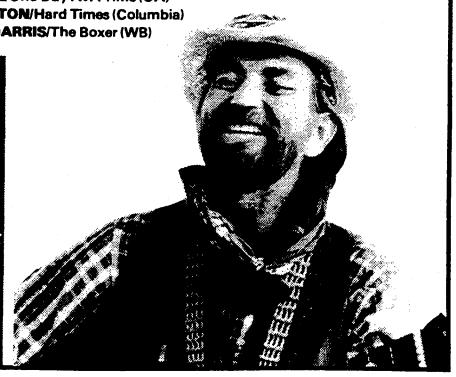
There were 44 male vocals, 18 female, 10 groups and 8 duets.

Again this year **RCA Records** and **MCA Records** were the top labels, each with 17 discs on the Top 80. MCA totalled nine number ones, while RCA brought home five. The combined efforts of **CBS (Columbia and Epic)** accounted for 13 chart records. **Warner Brothers** had 11, seven from the **Warner-Curb** label. **Elektra and UA/Liberty** had six each.

Country music and Country radio were on the rise in 1980. Here's hoping the success continues in the coming years.

The top 80 country records were computed on the basis of chart longevity and heights reached, with special emphasis on records that reached number one during the year.





1 **EDDIE RABBITT**/Drivin' My Life Away (Elektra)
2 **DON WILLIAMS**/I Believe In You (MCA)
3 **JOHNNY LEE**/Lookin' For Love (Full Moon/Asylum)
4 **RONNIE MILSAP**/Smoky Mountain Rain (RCA)
5 **WILLIE NELSON**/On The Road Again (Columbia)
6 **GEORGE JONES**/He Stopped Loving Her Today (Epic)
7 **KENNY ROGERS w/KIM CARNES**/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer (UA)
8 **MICKEY GILLEY**/Stand By Me (Full Moon/Asylum)
9 **CRYSTAL GAYLE**/It's Like We Never Said Goodbye (Columbia)
10 **KENNY ROGERS**/Coward Of The County (UA)
11 **DON WILLIAMS**/Good Ole Boys Like Me (MCA)
12 **OAK RIDGE BOYS**/Trying To Love Two Women (MCA)
13 **WILLIE NELSON**/My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys (Columbia)
14 **BARBARA MANDRELL**/Years (MCA)
15 **OAK RIDGE BOYS**/Leaving Louisiana In The Broad Daylight (MCA)
16 **RONNIE MILSAP**/Why Don't You Spend The Night (RCA)
17 **MERLE HAGGARD**/The Way I Am (MCA)
18 **BELLAMY BROTHERS**/Sugar Daddy (WB/Curb)
19 **JOHN CONLEE**/Friday Night Blues (MCA)
20 **EDDIE RABBITT**/Gone Too Far (Elektra)
21 **DON WILLIAMS**/Love Me Over Again (MCA)
22 **KENNY ROGERS**/Lady (Liberty)
23 **EMMYLOU HARRIS**/Beneath Still Waters (WB)
24 **WAYLON JENNINGS**/I Ain't Living Long Like This (RCA)
25 **ANNE MURRAY**/Could I Have This Dance (Capitol)
26 **RONNIE MILSAP**/My Heart (RCA)
27 **T.G. SHEPPARD**/Do You Wanna Go To Heaven (WB/Curb)
28 **T.G. SHEPPARD**/I'll Be Coming Back For More (WB/Curb)
29 **MERLE HAGGARD & CLINT EASTWOOD**/Bar Room Buddies (Elektra)
30 **ANNE MURRAY**/Daydream Believer (Capitol)
31 **CONWAY TWITTY**/I'd Love To Lay You Down (MCA)
32 **GEORGE JONES & TAMMY WYNETTE**/Two Story House (Epic)
33 **CHARLEY PRIDE**/You Win Again (RCA)
34 **JOHNNY LEE**/One In A Million (Asylum)
35 **MICKEY GILLEY**/That's All That Matters (Epic)
36 **CRYSTAL GAYLE**/If You Ever Change Your Mind (Columbia)
37 **KENNY ROGERS**/Love The World Away (UA)
38 **WAYLON JENNINGS**/Theme From The Dukes Of Hazzard (RCA)
39 **MICKEY GILLEY**/True Love Ways (Epic)
40 **OAK RIDGE BOYS**/Heart Of Mine (MCA)
41 **CHARLEY PRIDE**/Honky Tonk Blues (RCA)
42 **STATLER BROTHERS**/Charlotte's Web (Mercury)
43 **WAYLON JENNINGS**/Clyde (RCA)
44 **DOLLY PARTON**/Starting Over Again (RCA)
45 **JOHN CONLEE**/She Can't Say That Anymore (MCA)
46 **MERLE HAGGARD**/Misery And Gin (MCA)
47 **DEBBY BOONE**/Are You On The Road To Lovin' Me Again (WB/Curb)
48 **GEORGE JONES**/I'm Not Ready Yet (Epic)
49 **CONWAY TWITTY & LORETTA LYNN**/It's True Love (MCA)
50 **RONNIE MILSAP**/Cowboy's & Clowns/Misery Loves Company (RCA)
51 **BELLAMY BROTHERS**/Lovers Live Longer (WB/Curb)
52 **ANNE MURRAY**/Lucky Me (Capitol)
53 **ALABAMA**/Tennessee River (RCA)
54 **RAZZY BAILEY**/Loving Up A Storm (RCA)
55 **BARBARA MANDRELL**/Crackers (MCA)
56 **DOTTIE WEST**/A Lesson In Leaving (UA)
57 **PORTER WAGONER & DOLLY PARTON**/Making Plans (RCA)
58 **GENE WATSON**/Nothing Sure Looked Good On You (Capitol)
59 **CONWAY TWITTY**/I've Never Seen The Likes (MCA)
60 **T.G. SHEPPARD**/Smooth Sailin' (WB/Curb)
61 **JOHN CONLEE**/Baby, You're Something (MCA)
62 **MEL TILLIS**/Your Body Is An Outlaw (Elektra)
63 **CHARLEY PRIDE**/You Almost Slipped My Mind (RCA)
64 **DOLLY PARTON**/Old Flames Can't Hold A Candle To You (RCA)
65 **MEL TILLIS**/Steppin' Out (Elektra)
66 **BELLAMY BROTHERS**/Dancin' Cowboys (WB/Curb)
67 **STATLER BROTHERS**/(I'll Even Love You) Better Than I Did Then (Mercury)
68 **ROY ORBISON & EMMYLOU HARRIS**/That Lovin' You Feeling Again (WB)
69 **MEL TILLIS**/Lying Time Again (Elektra)
70 **CRYSTAL GAYLE**/The Blue Side (Columbia)
71 **WILLIE NELSON**/Midnight Rider (Columbia)
72 **ALABAMA**/Why Lady Why (RCA)
73 **WILLIE NELSON & RAY PRICE**/Faded Love (Columbia)
74 **JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS**/Morning Comes Too Early (RCA)
75 **TANYA TUCKER**/Pecos Promenade (MCA)
76 **LARRY GATLIN & GATLIN BROTHERS**/Take Me To Your Lovin' Place (Columbia)
77 **EMMYLOU HARRIS**/Wayfaring Stranger (WB)
78 **CRISTY LANE**/One Day At A Time (UA)
79 **LACY J. DALTON**/Hard Times (Columbia)
80 **EMMYLOU HARRIS**/The Boxer (WB)

Country '80 // RECORDS REACHING TOP FIFTEEN

	Peak Position (wks #1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Chart
A			
ALABAMA/Tennessee River (RCA)	4	8/1	13
ALABAMA/Why Lady Why (RCA)	5	11/21	10
JOHN ANDERSON/She Just Started Liking Cheatin' Songs (WB)	10	5/16	12
EDDY ARNOLD/Let's Get It While The Gettin's Good (RCA)	10	5/2	9
B			
RAZZY BAILEY/I Can't Get Enough Of You (RCA)	11	2/15	10
RAZZY BAILEY/Loving Up A Storm (RCA)	4	9/26	13
MOE BANDY/One Of A Kind (Columbia)	9	3/21	8
MOE BANDY/Yesterday Once More (Columbia)	7	10/3	11
BOBBY BARE/Numbers (Columbia)	10	2/29	9
BELLAMY BROTHERS/Sugar Daddy (WB/Curb)	1 (1)	3/21	12
BELLAMY BROTHERS/Dancin' Cowboys (WB/Curb)	5	7/18	12
BELLAMY BROTHERS/Lovers Live Longer (WB/Curb)	3	11/28	7
DEBBY BOONE/Are You On The Road To Lovin' Me Again (WB/Curb)	3	4/25	13
JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS/Morning Comes Too Early (RCA)	6	5/9	11
C			
ROSANNE CASH/Couldn't Do Nothing Right (Columbia)	14	4/4	10
JOHNNY CASH & WAYLON JENNINGS/I Wish I Was Crazy Again (Columbia)	11	1/11	3
JOHN CONLEE/Baby, You're Something (MCA)	4	2/8	9
JOHN CONLEE/Friday Night Blues (MCA)	1 (1)	7/11	13
JOHN CONLEE/She Can't Say That Anymore (MCA)	3	11/7	11
D			
LACY J. DALTON/Hard Times (Columbia)	7	10/31	11
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND/In America (Epic)	10	7/25	9
GAIL DAVIES/Blue Heartache (WB)	9	1/25	6
GAIL DAVIES/Good Lovin' Man (WB)	15	8/22	8
MAC DAVIS/It's Hard To Be Humble (Casablanca)	13	5/9	8
MAC DAVIS/Let's Keep It That Way (Casablanca)	9	9/12	10
MAC DAVIS/Texas In My Rear View Mirror (Casablanca)	13	11/28	6
JOHNNY DUNCAN/Play Another Slow Song (Columbia)	13	3/7	9
JOHNNY DUNCAN/I'm Gonna Love You Tonight (Columbia)	15	8/1	9
JOHNNY DUNCAN & JANIE FRICKE/He's Out Of My Life (Columbia)	14	9/5	9
G			
LARRY GATLIN & GATLIN BROS./Taking Somebody With Me (Columbia)	10	4/25	10
LARRY GATLIN & GATLIN BROS./We Are Number One (Columbia)	13	8/1	9
LARRY GATLIN & GATLIN BROS./Take Me To Your Lovin' Place (Columbia)	6	11/28	9
CRYSTAL GAYLE/Your Old Cold Shoulder (UA)	6	2/1	7
CRYSTAL GAYLE/It's Like We Never Said Goodbye (Columbia)	1 (1)	4/4	12
CRYSTAL GAYLE/The Blue Side (Columbia)	5	7/4	10
CRYSTAL GAYLE/If You Ever Change Your Mind (Columbia)	2	11/7	11
MICKEY GILLEY/True Love Ways (Epic)	2	7/11	13
MICKEY GILLEY/Stand By Me (Full Moon/Asylum)	1 (2)	7/25	12
MICKEY GILLEY/That's All That Matters (Epic)	5	11/28	6
H			
MERLE HAGGARD/The Way I Am (MCA)	1 (1)	5/9	14
MERLE HAGGARD/Misery And Gin (MCA)	3	8/22	11
MERLE HAGGARD/Think I'll Just Stay Here And Drink (MCA)	14	11/28	4
MERLE HAGGARD & CLINT EASTWOOD/Bar Room Buddies (Elektra)	1 (1)	7/18	12
TOM T. HALL/Old Side Of Town (RCA)	11	2/22	8
EMMYLOU HARRIS/Beneath Still Waters (WB)	1 (1)	4/25	12
EMMYLOU HARRIS/Wayfaring Stranger (WB)	7	8/1	12
EMMYLOU HARRIS/The Boxer (WB)	7	11/7	11
J			
WAYLON JENNINGS/I Ain't Living Long Like This (RCA)	1 (1)	2/22	11
WAYLON JENNINGS/Clyde (RCA)	2	7/25	10
WAYLON JENNINGS/Theme From The Dukes Of Hazzard (RCA)	2	10/10	12
GEORGE JONES/He Stopped Loving Her Today (Epic)	1 (2)	6/20	13
GEORGE JONES/I'm Not Ready Yet (Epic)	3	10/31	12
GEORGE JONES & TAMMY WYNETTE/Two Story House (Epic)	1 (1)	4/18	11
K			
KENDALLS/You'd Make An Angel Wanna Cheat (Ovation)	6	1/18	5
KENDALLS/I'm Already Blue (Ovation)	7	5/30	11
KENDALLS/Put It Off Until Tomorrow (Ovation)	15	9/26	10
L			
CRISTY LANE/One Day At A Time (UA)	7	6/6	13
BRENDA LEE/The Cowgirl And The Dandy (MCA)	7	4/4	10
BRENDA LEE/Broken Trust (MCA)	10	11/14	9
JOHNNY LEE/Lookin' For Love (Full Moon/Asylum)	1 (3)	9/5	13
JOHNNY LEE/One In A Million (Asylum)	9	11/28	5
JERRY LEE LEWIS/When Two Worlds Collide (Elektra)	13	3/28	9
JERRY LEE LEWIS/Over The Rainbow (Elektra)	13	10/24	8
M			
BARBARA MANDRELL/Years (MCA)	1 (1)	2/15	10
BARBARA MANDRELL/Crackers (MCA)	4	8/15	12
BARBARA MANDRELL/Best Of Strangers (MCA)	8	11/28	6
CHARLY McCLAIN/Men (Epic)	7	3/7	10
CHARLY McCLAIN/Women Get Lonely (Epic)	14	10/3	9
REBA McENTIRE/(You Lift me Up) To Heaven (Mercury)	9	8/22	11
RONNIE MILSAP/Why Don't You Spend The Night (RCA)	1 (1)	3/14	13
RONNIE MILSAP/My Heart (RCA)	1 (1)	6/6	11
RONNIE MILSAP/Cowboys & Clowns/Misery Loves Company (RCA)	3	8/15	12
RONNIE MILSAP/Smoky Mountain Rain (RCA)	1 (2)	11/21	7
MOE & JOE/Holding The Bag (Columbia)	5	1/11	5
MOE & JOE/Tell Ole I Ain't Here, He Better Get On Home (Columbia)	9	6/6	10
ANNE MURRAY/Daydream Believer (Capitol)	1 (1)	2/29	12
ANNE MURRAY/Lucky Me (Capitol)	4	5/23	12
ANNE MURRAY/Could I Have This Dance (Capitol)	1 (1)	11/7	12
N			
WILLIE NELSON/Help Me Make It Through The Night (Columbia)	6	1/11	3
WILLIE NELSON/My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys (Columbia)	1 (1)	3/7	12
WILLIE NELSON/Midnight Rider (Columbia)	5	6/20	11
WILLIE NELSON/On The Road Again (Columbia)	1 (2)	10/24	14
WILLIE NELSON & RAY PRICE/Faded Love (Columbia)	6	9/12	12
O			
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Leaving Louisiana In The Broad Daylight (MCA)	1 (1)	1/25	8
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Trying To Love Two Women (MCA)	1 (1)	6/13	12
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Heart Of Mine (MCA)	2	9/19	12
ROY ORBISON & EMMYLOU HARRIS/That Lovin' You Feeling Again (WB)	5	8/29	11
P			
DOLLY PARTON/Startin' Over Again (RCA)	3	5/2	12
DOLLY PARTON/Old Flames Can't Hold A Candle To You (RCA)	5	9/12	13
PORTER WAGONER & DOLLY PARTON/Making Plans (RCA)	4	9/5	13
CHARLEY PRIDE/Missin' You (RCA)	12	1/11	3
CHARLEY PRIDE/Honky Tonk Blues (RCA)	2	4/11	11
CHARLEY PRIDE/You Win Again (RCA)	1 (1)	7/4	11
JEANNE PRUETT/Back To Back (IBC)	8	2/1	9
JEANNE PRUETT/Temporarily Yours (IBC)	11	5/2	9
R			
EDDIE RABBITT/Pour Me Another Tequila (Elektra)	10	1/11	3
EDDIE RABBITT/Gone Too Far (Elektra)	1 (1)	5/2	12
EDDIE RABBITT/Drivin' My Life Away (Elektra)	1 (4)	8/8	15
EDDIE RABBITT/I Love A Rainy Night (Elektra)	15	11/28	4
JERRY REED/Sugarfoot Rag (RCA)	12	1/25	7
JIM REEVES w/DEBORAH ALLEN/Oh How I Miss You Tonight (RCA)	9	1/11	4
JIM REEVES w/DEBORAH ALLEN/Take Me In Your Arms... (RCA)	15	6/6	8
KENNY ROGERS/Coward Of The County (UA)	1 (2)	1/11	8
KENNY ROGERS/Love The World Away (UA)	2	8/15	12
KENNY ROGERS/Lady (Liberty)	1 (1)	11/14	8
KENNY ROGERS & KIM CARNES/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer (UA)	1 (2)	5/23	12
S			
T.G. SHEPPARD/I'll Be Coming Back For More (WB/Curb)	1 (1)	2/8	9
T.G. SHEPPARD/Smooth Sailin' (WB/Curb)	4	6/13	11
T.G. SHEPPARD/Do You Wanna Go To Heaven (WB/Curb)	1 (1)	9/26	13
MARGO SMITH/The Shuffle Song (WB)	14	2/1	7
STATLER BROTHERS/(I'll Even Love You) Better Than I Did Then (Mercury)	5	3/21	13
STATLER BROTHERS/Charlotte's Web (Mercury)	2	9/12	11
RAY STEVENS/Shriner's Convention (RCA)	10	3/21	9
T			
MEL TILLIS/Lying Time Again (Elektra)	5	3/7	11
MEL TILLIS/Your Body Is An Outlaw (Elektra)	4	6/20	10
MEL TILLIS/Steppin' Out (Elektra)	5	10/17	10
TANYA TUCKER/Pecos Promenade (MCA)	6	10/24	9
CONWAY TWITTY/I'd Love To Lay You Down (MCA)	1 (1)	3/28	12
CONWAY TWITTY/I've Never Seen The Likes (MCA)	4	8/29	11
CONWAY TWITTY/A Bridge That Just Won't Burn (MCA)	10	11/28	5
CONWAY TWITTY & LORETTA LYNN/You Know Just What I'd Do (MCA)	7	1/11	4
CONWAY TWITTY & LORETTA LYNN/It's True Love (MCA)	3	7/18	13
W			
JACKY WARD/Save Your Heart For Me (Mercury)	9	8/1	11
JACKY WARD/That's The Way A Cowboy Rocks And Rolls (Mercury)	13	11/14	9
GENE WATSON/Nothing Sure Looked Good On You (Captiol)	4	2/29	11
GENE WATSON/Raisin' Cane In Texas (Capitol)	11	9/26	9
DOTTIE WEST/A Lesson In Leaving (UA)	4	4/11	11
DOTTIE WEST/Leavin's For Unbelievers (UA)	15	7/18	8
SLIM WHITMAN/When (Epic/Cleveland International)	13	10/3	8
DON WILLIAMS/Love Me Over Again (MCA)	1 (1)	2/1	9
DON WILLIAMS/Good Ole Boys Like Me (MCA)	1 (1)	5/16	13
DON WILLIAMS/I Believe In You (MCA)	1 (3)	10/3	13
HANK WILLIAMS JR./Women I've Never Had (Elektra)	7	3/28	10
HANK WILLIAMS JR./Kaw-Liga (Elektra)	14	7/11	7
HANK WILLIAMS JR./Old Habits (Elektra)	8	10/17	10
TAMMY WYNETTE/He Was There (When I Needed You) (Epic)	12	6/13	11
TAMMY WYNETTE/Starting Over (Epic)	10	10/3	10

P/A

This year, for the first time in R&R's P/A year-end charts, the No. 1 and No. 2 overall winners belong to the same group – Air Supply! The Australian newcomers have indeed given a breath of fresh air with their music, as "All Out Of Love" tops them all with their earlier single "Lost In Love" finishing just behind only a few points from tying the winner.

Of course, there were other success stories in this opening year of the 80's including **Christopher Cross**, who also scored with three big entries. Most impressive was his second release, "Sailing" which wound up at #4 for the year, but more importantly held on to the top spot for four consecutive weeks, equalling a mark also held by Air Supply's "Lost In Love" and **Neil Diamond**'s "September Morn." Cross's "Ride Like The Wind" had a 13-week run on the P/A chart and a rare third strong release, "Never Be The Same," climbed all the way to the #2 spot in late November.

Olivia Newton-John continued to weave her "Magic" by capturing the overall #3 spot for 1980. ONJ also distinguished herself by becoming somewhat of a revolving singing partner, as she duoed successfully with **Andy Gibb** ("I Can't Help It"); **Electric Light Orchestra** ("Xanadu"), and **Cliff Richard** ("Suddenly").

Comeback of the year award surely goes to **Bette Midler** with "The Rose," which reached the #5 position and remained on top of the weekly P/A chart for three weeks in a row with a total chart run of 18 weeks.

Another veteran chart-topper, **Barbra Streisand** scored three top five singles during the year, one of which, "Woman In Love," hit #1 for a record six consecutive weeks during September and October. The other two, "Kiss Me In The Rain" and her duet with **Barry Gibb**, "Guilty," each reached the #5 spot. **Dan Fogelberg** finally broke through in a big way in 1980 with his poignant "Longer," which reached the top for a three-week run in February. Number's 8 and 9 belong to long established P/A acts **Elton John** (another solid comeback), who scored with "Little Jeannie," and **Neil Diamond**'s "September Morn". Rounding out the top ten for 1980 is **Pure Prairie League**, a group that's been around for a decade but just now charted big with "Let Me Love You Tonight."

The Heavy Hitters

Two artists of the Pop/Country persuasion, **Kenny Rogers** and **Anne Murray**, continued to fill the nation's airwaves. Kenny racked up four top 15 entries, all of which registered in the top five with two of them reaching #1. The biggest of them, however, was the duet with **Kim Carnes** (who also broke as a solo artist with "More Love"), "Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer," which reached number one in April for a three-week stay at the top and totalled 15 weeks on the P/A chart. The other #1 smash for Rogers was "Lady," achieving the summit in November. Anne Murray keeps pace with four top 15 hits, "Daydream Believer," peaking at #3 in February; "Lucky Me" at #6 in May; "I'm Happy Just To Dance With You" at #11 in July; and winding up the year, "Could I Have This Dance With you" at #15 in September.

Significant Comebacks — Part II

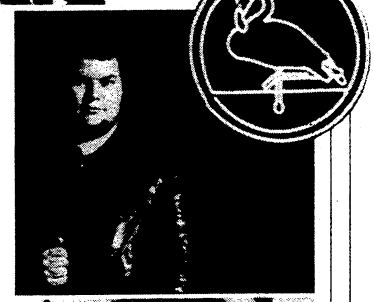
Beyond those mentioned earlier, there were some notable artists who made their presence known after a dormant period, including **Frank Sinatra**, whose ode to the Big Apple, "New York, New York," anchored the top ten in June; **Leo Sayer**, with "More Than I Can Say" still active at #4 in the December 5 issue; **Felix Cavaliere** (sans the **Young Rascals**) coming on strong with "Only A Lonely Heart" in April; the **Dirt Band** got down to the nitty gritty again with two entries, "American Dream" and "Make A Little Magic"; and a brief appearance by **Carole King** with "One Fine Day."

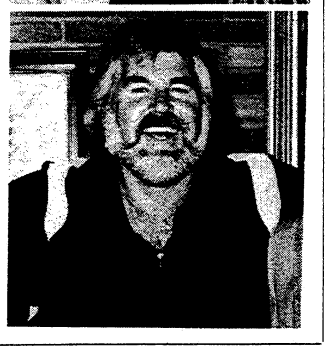
Up From Down Under — Australia Clicks

The British Invasion of the mid 60's was a boisterous takeover, musically speaking. 1980 saw a much more placid incursion as Australia's Air Supply (new kids on the block), Olivia Newton-John (young veteran), along with Andy Gibb and **Little River Band**, all made hit music to the delight of the American Public. LRB scored with "Cool Change" at the top of the year, Andy scored twice, once by himself with "Desire" in March then later teaming with fellow Aussie Olivia with "I Can't Help It" in May.

'80 // TOP EIGHTY

1	**AIR SUPPLY**/All Out Of Love (Arista)	
2	**AIR SUPPLY**/Lost In Love (Arista)	
3	**OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**/Magic (MCA)	
4	**CHRISTOPHER CROSS**/Sailing (WB)	
5	**BETTE MIDLER**/The Rose (Atlantic)	
6	**BARBRA STREISAND**/Woman In Love (Columbia)	
7	**DAN FOGELBERG**/Longer (Full Moon/Epic)	
8	**ELTON JOHN**/Little Jeannie (MCA)	
9	**NEIL DIAMOND**/September Morn (Columbia)	
10	**PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE**/Let Me Love You Tonight (Casablanca)	
11	**KENNY ROGERS**/Love The World Away (Full Moon/Asylum)	
12	**KENNY ROGERS & KIM CARNES**/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer (UA)	
13	**BILLY JOEL**/Don't Ask Me Why (Columbia)	
14	**KIM CARNES**/More Love (EMI America)	
15	**ROBBIE DUPREE**/Steal Away (Elektra)	
16	**BOZ SCAGGS**/Look What You've Done To Me (Columbia)	
17	**EDDIE RABBITT**/Drivin' My Life Away (Elektra)	
18	**RUPERT HOLMES**/Him (MCA)	
19	**EAGLES**/I Can't Tell You Why (Asylum)	
20	**AMBROSIA**/Biggest Part Of Me (WB)	
21	**PAUL DAVIS**/Do Right (Bang)	
22	**MICKEY GILLEY**/Stand By Me (Full Moon/Asylum)	
23	**JOHNNY LEE**/Lookin' For Love (Full Moon/Asylum)	
24	**PAUL SIMON**/Late In The Evening (WB)	
25	**DIONNE WARWICK**/No Night So Long (Arista)	
26	**CARLY SIMON**/Jesse (WB)	
27	**BILLY PRESTON & SYREETA**/With You I'm Born Again (Motown)	
28	**SPINNERS**/Cupid/I've Loved You For A Long Time (Atlantic)	
29	**DR. HOOK**/Sexy Eyes (Capitol)	
30	**MICHAEL JACKSON**/She's Out Of My Life (Epic)	
31	**TOMMY JAMES**/Three Times In Love (Millennium)	
32	**ALI THOMSON**/Take A Little Rhythm (A&M)	
33	**DAN FOGELBERG**/Heart Hotels (Full Moon/Epic)	
34	**SPINNERS**/Working My Way Back To You (Atlantic)	
35	**AMBROSIA**/You're The Only Woman (You And I) (WB)	
36	**BARRY MANILOW**/When I Wanted You (Arista)	
37	**DIRT BAND**/Make A Little Magic (UA)	
38	**ANNE MURRAY**/Daydream Believer (Capitol)	
39	**KENNY ROGERS**/Lady (Liberty)	
40	**DIRT BAND**/American Dream (UA)	
41	**CHUCK MANGIONE**/Give It All You Got (A&M)	
42	**NATALIE COLE**/Someone That I Used To Love (Capitol)	
43	**POINTER SISTERS**/He's So Shy (Planet)	
44	**STEPHANIE MILLS**/Never Knew Love Like This Before (20th)	
45	**KOOL & THE GANG**/Too Hot (DeLite/Mercury)	
46	**MANHATTANS**/Shining Star (Columbia)	
47	**CHARLIE DORE**/Pilot Of The Airwaves (Island)	
48	**DOOBIE BROTHERS**/Real Love (WB)	
49	**ANNE MURRAY**/Lucky Me (Capitol)	
50	**BARRY MANILOW**/I Don't Want To Walk Without You (Arista)	
51	**BARBRA STREISAND**/Kiss Me In The Rain (Columbia)	
52	**NEIL SEDAKA & DARA SEDAKA**/Should've Never Let You Go (Elektra)	
53	**CHRISTOPHER CROSS**/Ride Like The Wind (WB)	
54	**OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN w/ELO**/Xanadu (MCA)	
55	**WILLIE NELSON**/On The Road Again (Columbia)	
56	**BOB SEGER**/Against The Wind (Capitol)	
57	**TERI DeSARIO w/KC**/Yes, I'm Ready (Casablanca)	
58	**ANNE MURRAY**/Could I Have This Dance (Capitol)	
59	**DIANA ROSS**/Upside Down (Motown)	
60	**FELIX CAVALIERE**/Only A Lonely Heart Sees (Epic)	
61	**DIONNE WARWICK**/After You (Arista)	
62	**ANDY GIBB & OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**/I Can't Help It (RSO)	
63	**DIONNE WARWICK**/Deja Vu (Arista)	
64	**ANNE MURRAY**/I'm Happy Just To Dance With You (Capitol)	
65	**DAVID GATES**/Where Does The Lovin' Go (Elektra)	
66	**GEORGE BENSON**/Give Me The Night (WB)	
67	**ANDY GIBB**/Desire (RSO)	
68	**CAROLE KING**/One Fine Day (Capitol)	
69	**BERNADETTE PETERS**/Gee Whiz (MCA)	
70	**STEVE FORBERT**/Romeo's Tune (Nemperor)	
71	**HALL & OATES**/You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling (RCA)	
72	**FLEETWOOD MAC**/Sara (WB)	
73	**LEO SAYER**/More Than I Can Say (WB)	
74	**AL STEWART**/Midnight Rocks (Arista)	
75	**FRANK SINATRA**/Theme From New York, New York (WB/Reprise)	
76	**FRED KNOBLOCK**/Why Not Me (Scotti Brothers)	
77	**CAPTAIN & TENNILLE**/Do That To Me One More Time (Casablanca)	
78	**ROGER DALTREY**/Without Your Love (Polydor)	
79	**MELISSA MANCHESTER**/Fire In The Morning (Arista)	
80	**BOZ SCAGGS**/Jojo (Columbia)	





Other Three Time Winners

Dionne Warwick and **Rupert Holmes** each scored three times during the year, with Warwick climbing to the top spot in January with "Deja Vu" and Holmes summit-sitting in March with "Him."

Double Spots

Many artists had two songs winding up in the top 15, Neil Diamond, Dirt Band, **Dr. Hook, Robbie Dupree**, Dan Fogelberg, **Michael Johnson, Billy Joel, Barry Manilow**, Cliff Richard, **Boz Scaggs**, and the **Spinners**.

Looking Ahead

As pointed out in last year's wrap-up, music in general, and specifically for the Pop/Adult format, continues to soften to keep pace with the aging population. Significantly, the younger "pop" groups are more and more writing, playing, and producing music designed for the first generation of rockers – those now in their early to late 30's – and are experiencing great success. It's no scoop that the economy will always dictate products bought proportionately by those who have the most money to spend. Check next time you're in a record store and observe what age group actually has the cash to spend on buying music.

P/A '80 // RECORDS REACHING TOP FIFTEEN

	Peak Position (wks #1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Chart
A			
AIR SUPPLY/Lost In Love (Arista)	1 (4)	4/4	18
AIR SUPPLY/All Out Of Love (Arista)	1 (1)	8/15	19
AIR SUPPLY/Every Woman In The World (Arista)	7	11/28	5
AMBROSIA/Biggest Part Of Me (WB)	3	5/23	15
AMBROSIA/You're The Only Woman (You And I) (WB)	5	9/19	14
B			
GEORGE BENSON/Give Me The Night (WB)	11	9/19	13
C			
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE/Do That To Me One More Time (Casablanca)	1 (1)	1/11	8
KIM CARNES/More Love (EMI America)	1 (2)	8/1	15
FELIX CAVALIERE/Only A Lonely Heart Sees (Epic)	7	4/18	13
NATALIE COLE/Someone That I Used To Love (Capitol)	7	8/22	14
RITA COOLIDGE/I'd Rather Leave While I'm In Love (A&M)	7	1/11	6
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Ride Like The Wind (WB)	8	4/25	13
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Sailing (WB)	1 (4)	8/22	17
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Never Be The Same (WB)	2	11/28	7
D			
ROGER DALTREY/Without Your Love (Polydor)	6	11/21	9
PAUL DAVIS/Do Right (Bang)	2	5/2	15
TERI DeSARIO w/KC/Yes, I'm Ready (Casablanca)	4	1/25	9
NEIL DIAMOND/September Morn (Columbia)	1 (4)	2/1	13
NEIL DIAMOND/Love On The Rocks (Capitol)	3	11/28	5
DIRT BAND/American Dream (UA)	6	2/22	12
DIRT BAND/Make A Little Magic (UA)	5	8/22	14
DOOBIE BROTHERS/Real Love (WB)	6	10/31	12
CHARLIE DORE/Pilot Of The Airwaves (Island)	4	4/18	12
DR. HOOK/Better Love Next Time (Capitol)	15	1/11	2
DR. HOOK/Sexy Eyes (Capitol)	3	4/18	15
ROBBIE DUPREE/Steal Away (Elektra)	2	6/6	15
ROBBIE DUPREE/Hot Rod Hearts (Elektra)	15	9/5	11
E			
EAGLES/I Can't Tell You Why (Asylum)	2	4/4	15
F			
FIREFALL/Love That Got Away (Atlantic)	9	8/8	10
FLEETWOOD MAC/Sara (WB)	7	1/25	8
DAN FOGELBERG/Longer (Full Moon/Epic)	1 (3)	2/29	14
DAN FOGELBERG/Heart Hotels (Full Moon/Epic)	3	5/9	13
STEVE FORBERT/Romeo's Tune (Nemperor)	10	2/15	10
G			
DAVID GATES/Where Does The Lovin' Go (Elektra)	8	3/28	12
CRYSTAL GAYLE/It's Like We Never Said Goodbye (Columbia)	14	3/21	9
ANDY GIBB/Desire (RSO)	9	3/7	10
ANDY GIBB & OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/I Can't Help It (RSO)	7	5/9	11
MICKEY GILLEY/Stand By Me (Full Moon/Asylum)	3	7/25	16
LARRY GRAHAM/One In A Million You (WB)	14	9/19	10
H			
HALL & OATES/You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling (RCA)	6	11/7	9
RUPERT HOLMES/Escape (The Pina Colada Song) (MCA)	11	1/11	4
RUPERT HOLMES/Him (MCA)	1 (2)	3/21	13
RUPERT HOLMES/Answering Machine (MCA)	13	6/6	9
J			
MICHAEL JACKSON/Rock With You (Epic)	8	2/1	8
MICHAEL JACKSON/She's Out Of My Life (Epic)	4	6/13	14
TOMMY JAMES/Three Times In Love (Millennium)	3	3/21	13
BILLY JOEL/It's Still Rock & Roll To Me (Columbia)	13	7/11	10
BILLY JOEL/Don't Ask Me Why (Columbia)	1 (3)	9/19	14
ELTON JOHN/Little Jeannie (MCA)	1 (3)	6/13	15
K			
CAROLE KING/One Fine Day (Capitol)	8	7/4	10
FRED KNOBLOCK/Why Not Me (Scotti Bros.)	10	8/22	10
KOOL & THE GANG/Too Hot (DeLite/Mercury)	5	4/4	13
KORGIS/Everybody's Got To Learn Sometime (Asylum)	15	11/28	5
L			
LARSEN-FEITEN BAND/Who'll Be The Fool Tonight (WB)	14	10/31	8
NICOLETTE LARSON/Let Me Go, Love (WB)	12	2/22	8
JOHNNY LEE/Lookin' For Love (Full Moon/Asylum)	3	9/5	14
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Cool Change (Capitol)	6	1/11	5
LOBO/Holdin' On For Dear Love (MCA/Curb)	15	1/18	5
KENNY LOGGINS/This Is It (Columbia)	14	1/25	7
M			
MELISSA MANCHESTER/Fire In The Morning (Arista)	13	4/4	11
CHUCK MANGIONE/Give It All You Got (A&M)	2	3/21	12
MANHATTANS/Shining Star (Columbia)	8	7/11	13
BARRY MANILOW/When I Wanted You (Arista)	2	2/1	10
BARRY MANILOW/I Don't Want To Walk Without You (Arista)	4	5/23	12
BETTE MIDLER/The Rose (Atlantic)	1 (3)	5/23	18
STEPHANIE MILLS/Never Knew Love Like This Before (20th)	4	10/17	13
ANNE MURRAY/Daydream Believer (Capitol)	3	2/15	12
ANNE MURRAY/Lucky Me (Capitol)	6	5/16	11
ANNE MURRAY/I'm Happy Just To Dance With You (Capitol)	11	7/11	12
ANNE MURRAY/Could I Have This Dance (Capitol)	5	10/24	12
N			
WILLIE NELSON/On The Road Again (Columbia)	4	10/31	11
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/Magic (MCA)	1 (2)	7/18	17
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN w/ELO/Xanadu (MCA)	7	10/10	12
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN w/CLIFF RICHARD/Suddenly (MCA)	8	11/28	7
O			
ROY ORBISON & EMMYLOU HARRIS/That Lovin' You Feelin' Again (WB)	15	8/8	8
P			
BERNADETTE PETERS/Gee Whiz (MCA)	10	5/16	11
PHOTOGLO/We Were Meant To Be Lovers (20th)	15	6/6	12
POINTER SISTERS/He's So Shy (Planet)	7	10/31	14
BILLY PRESTON & SYREETA/With You I'm Born Again (Motown)	7	3/28	17
PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE/Let Me Love You Tonight (Casablanca)	1 (2)	7/4	16
Q			
QUEEN/Crazy Little Thing Called Love (Elektra)	13	2/22	10
R			
EDDIE RABBITT/Drivin' My Life Away (Elektra)	4	9/19	16
RAY, GOODMAN & BROWN/Special Lady (Polydor)	10	4/18	10
CLIFF RICHARD/We Don't Talk Anymore (EMI America)	8	1/11	6
CLIFF RICHARD/Dreaming (EMI America)	10	11/7	9
DANN ROGERS/Looks Like Love Again (International Artists)	13	1/11	5
KENNY ROGERS/Coward Of The County (UA)	2	1/11	8
KENNY ROGERS/Love The World Away (Full Moon/Asylum)	4	7/18	18
KENNY ROGERS/Lady (Liberty)	1 (2)	11/21	9
KENNY ROGERS & KIM CARNES/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer (UA)	1 (3)	5/2	15
DIANA ROSS/Upside Down (Motown)	6	10/3	12
DIANA ROSS/It's My Turn (Motown)	13	11/28	4
S			
LEO SAYER/More Than I Can Say (WB)	4	11/14	8
BOZ SCAGGS/Jojo (Columbia)	12	8/1	10
BOZ SCAGGS/Look What You've Done To Me (Columbia)	2	10/17	15
NEIL SEDAKA & DARA SEDAKA/Should've Never Let You Go (Elektra)	9	5/30	13
BOB SEGER/Against The Wind (Capitol)	6	6/13	11
CARLY SIMON/Jesse (WB)	7	9/26	14
PAUL SIMON/Late In The Evening (WB)	2	9/19	12
PAUL SIMON/One-Trick Pony (WB)	14	11/28	6
FRANK SINATRA/Theme From New York, New York (WB/Reprise)	10	6/6	10
SPINNERS/Working My Way Back To You (Atlantic)	6	3/14	13
SPINNERS/Cupid/I've Loved You For A Long Time (Atlantic)	3	6/20	12
SPYRO GRYA/Catching The Sun (MCA)	15	4/25	10
STARLAND VOCAL BAND/Loving You With My Eyes (Windsong)	13	3/7	10
AL STEWART/Midnight Rocks (Arista)	11	10/31	11
JOHN STEWART/Lost Her In The Sun (RSO)	14	2/1	7
BARBRA STREISAND/Kiss Me In The Rain (Columbia)	5	2/15	11
BARBRA STREISAND/Woman In Love (Columbia)	1 (6)	10/10	13
BARBRA STREISAND & BARRY GIBB/Guilty (Columbia)	5	11/28	6
T			
LIVINGSTON TAYLOR/First Time Love (Epic)	13	9/5	11
ALI THOMSON/Take A Little Rhythm (A&M)	3	8/22	14
W			
JENNIFER WARNES/When The Feeling Comes Around (Arista)	15	5/9	9
DIONNE WARWICK/Deja Vu (Arista)	1 (2)	1/18	8
DIONNE WARWICK/After You (Arista)	10	4/25	12
DIONNE WARWICK/No Night So Long (Arista)	3	9/26	13
DON WILLIAMS/I Believe In You (MCA)	11	11/28	8
STEVIE WONDER/Send One Your Love (Tamla)	4	1/11	6

Black Radio

'80 // TOP EIGHTY

Judging from the top 80 of 1980, black contemporary music is one of the last strongholds of uptempo records. Almost 60% of this year's biggest hits were up, compared to about 22% medium tempo and under 20% ballads. It will be interesting to see, as CHR and Pop/Adult continue to soften their musical stance, if the same trend evolves in Black radio.

Groups dominated the charts strongly, with over 50% of the records. Male solo artists contributed 26%, female soloists 15%, and duos accounted for about 8%.

Cameo were the only artists to score three records on the top 80 (although Chic wrote, produced, and played on four by Diana Ross, Sister Sledge, and themselves). Double hitmakers were George Benson, the Bros. Johnson, Fatback, Roberta Flack & Donny Hathaway, the Gap Band, GQ, Kool & The Gang, Stacy Lattisaw, Stephanie Mills, Teddy Pendergrass, Prince, Diana Ross, Narada Michael Walden, the Whispers, and Lenny White.

Among the most impressive showings by newcomers this year were records by Kurtis Blow, Tom Browne, Change, Stacy Lattisaw, Lipps Inc., Vaughan Mason & Crew, Ray, Goodman & Brown (their first hit under that name), Rockie Robbins, Patrice Rushen, the S.O.S. Band, and Zapp. Notable comebacks this year included the Whispers, the Temptations, Jermaine Jackson, and the two giant hits by Diana Ross.

1980 was a good year for black music, reflecting its health, vitality, and diversity (even a white rock group, Queen, made the top 80 this year). With the growth of "urban contemporary" rock stations and the increasing general market success of Black stations, black music should be in a better position to cross over and should have an even greater influence on popular music as a whole in coming years.

A

ASHFORD & SIMPSON/Love Don't Make It Right (WB)

B

GEORGE BENSON/Give Me The Night (WB)
GEORGE BENSON/Love X Love (WB)
KURTIS BLOW/The Breaks (Mercury)
BROTHERS JOHNSON/Light Up The Night (A&M)
BROTHERS JOHNSON/Stomp! (A&M)
TOM BROWNE/Funkin' For Jamaica (NY) (GRP/Arista)
PEABO BRYSON/Minute By Minute (Capitol)

C

CAMEO/Keep It Hot (Chocolate City)
CAMEO/Shake Your Pants (Chocolate City)
CAMEO/We're Goin' Out Tonight (Chocolate City)
CHANGE/A Lover's Holiday (RFC/WB)
CHIC/Rebels Are We (Atlantic)
NATALIE COLE/PEABO BRYSON/Gimme Some Time (Capitol)
COMMODORES/Old-Fashion Love (Motown)
CON FUNK SHUN/Got To Be Enough (Mercury)

D

DRAMATICS/Welcome Back Home (MCA)
DYNASTY/I've Just Begun To Love You (Solar/RCA)

E

EARTH, WIND & FIRE/Let Me Talk (ARC/Columbia)

F

FATBACK BAND/Backstrokin' (Spring/Polydor)
FATBACK BAND/Gotta Get My Hands On Some (Spring/Polydor)
ROBERTA FLACK/DONNY HATHAWAY/Back Together Again (Atlantic)
ROBERTA FLACK/DONNY HATHAWAY/You Are My Heaven (Atlantic)

G

GAP BAND/I Don't Believe You Want To Get Up And Dance (Oops!) (Mercury)
GAP BAND/Steppin' (Out) (Mercury)
GQ/Sitting In The Park (Arista)
GQ/Standing Ovation (Arista)
LARRY GRAHAM/One In A Million You (WB)

H

LEON HAYWOOD/Don't Push It Don't Force It (20th)
MICHAEL HENDERSON/Wide Receiver (Buddah)

I

ISLEY BROTHERS/Don't Say Goodnight (T-Neck)

J

JERMAINE JACKSON/Let's Get Serious (Motown)
JACKSONS/Lovely One (Epic)

K

CHAKA KHAN/Clouds (WB)
GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS/Landlord (Columbia)
KOOL & THE GANG/Celebration (De-Lite)
KOOL & THE GANG/Too Hot (De-Lite)

L

STACY LATTISAW/Dynamite! (Cotillion)
STACY LATTISAW/Let Me Be Your Angel (Cotillion)
RONNIE LAWS/Every Generation (UA)
LIPPS, INC./Funkytown (Casablanca)
LTD/Where Did We Go Wrong (A&M)

M

MANHATTANS/Shining Star (Columbia)
TEENA MARIE/I Need Your Lovin' (Gordy)
VAUGHAN MASON & CREW/Bounce, Rock, Skate, Roll (Brunswick)
MAZE/Southern Girl (Capitol)
STEPHANIE MILLS/Never Knew Love Like This Before (20th)
STEPHANIE MILLS/Sweet Sensation (20th)

O

O'JAYS/Girl, Don't Let It Get You Down (TSOP)

P

RAY PARKER JR. & RAYDIO/Two Places At The Same Time (Arista)
PARLIAMENT/Theme From The Black Hole (Casablanca)
TEDDY PENDERGRASS/Can't We Try (Philadelphia International)
TEDDY PENDERGRASS/Love T.K.O. (Philadelphia International)
POINTER SISTERS/He's So Shy (Planet)
PRINCE/Uptown (WB)
PRINCE/Why You Wanna Treat Me So Bad (WB)

Q

QUEEN/Another One Bites The Dust (Elektra)

R

RAY, GOODMAN & BROWN/Special Lady (Polydor)
MINNIE RIPERTON/Here We Go (Capitol)
ROCKIE ROBBINS/You And Me (A&M)
SMOKEY ROBINSON/Let Me Be The Clock (Tamla)
DIANA ROSS/I'm Coming Out (Motown)
DIANA ROSS/Upside Down (Motown)
RUFUS & CHAKA/Any Love (MCA)
PATRICE RUSHEN/Haven't You Heard (Elektra)

S

SISTER SLEDGE/Got To Love Somebody (Cotillion)
SKYY/High (Salsoul)
SLAVE/Just A Touch Of Love (Cotillion)
S.O.S. BAND/Take Your Time (Tabu/CBS)
SPINNERS/Cupid/I've Loved You For A Long Time (Atlantic)

T

TAVARES/Bad Times (Capitol)

W

NARADA MICHAEL WALDEN/I Shoulda Loved Ya (Atlantic)
NARADA MICHAEL WALDEN/The Real Thang (Atlantic)
WHISPERS/And The Beat Goes On (Solar/RCA)
WHISPERS/Lady (Solar/RCA)
LENNY WHITE/Kid Stuff (Elektra)
LENNY WHITE/Peanut Butter (Elektra)
STEVIE WONDER/Master Blaster (Jammin') (Tamla)

Z

ZAPP/More Bounce To The Ounce (WB)